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Dear Sirs,

I find that any continued government involvement with Microsoft will result in the consumer paying the price. The price will be a reduction of services available to the average consumer and also higher prices for services. It looks like the government would have learned it's lesson from the tobacco settlements--not one penny, of the settlements, has come from any tobacco grower or cigarette manufacturer it is paid by the consumer and the same thing will happen if Microsoft is ordered to pay any settlement no matter what amount.

The whole thing comes down to greed and jealousy. Microsoft is a pie everyone would like to have a piece of, so the government allows competing companies and states to sue to get a piece of it for nothing. There is absolutely no doubt that Microsoft has done more to further the availability of computers and software for the average consumer than all the others combined. I guess that is the core issue here, Microsoft has always provided a vastly superior product at a competitive price, and the competitors would rather cry foul than get to work and develop a suitable product themselves.

As a long time computer user I salute Microsoft and their ability to provide software that works and actually anticipates my needs before I do. They also provide totally free support and updates for their products--all the others might or might not, usually not. I would purchase Microsoft products at any cost. Microsoft could charge more for their products, but they have always made their products available to the average consumer.

The final point is that this country was built on innovation and hard work, and to penalize Microsoft for working harder and being better at their job than the others is ridiculous. Let the ones filing the law suits get to work and get out of the courtroom. Thank you.

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